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SUBJECT: NEWS MEDIA TREATMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S

COMMENTS ON UN

1. BUDAPEST'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "DAILY NEWS" CARRIED JULY 16 ARTICLE HEADLINED "KISSINGER THREATENS THIRD WORLD NATIONS" AND CITED REUTERS AND AP AS SOURCES. ARTICLE STATED THAT "ANGRY CRITICISM IS EXPECTED FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES FOLLOWING A THREATENING SPEECH BY DR. HENRY KISSINGER ACCUSING THEM OF "UNDERMINING THE UNITED NATIONS WITH LOADED VOTING AND ARBITRARY TACTICS."

2. "KISSINGER SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN THE LARGEST FINANCIAL SUPPORTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BUT ADDED, THAT THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE PROFOUNDLY ALIENATED UNLESS THEY COMPLY WITH AMERICAN WISHES. DR. KISSINGER ALSO

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DEMANDED THAT THE NUMERICAL MAJORITY RESPECT THE VIEWS OF THE

MINORITY."

3. HUNGARIAN TELEVISION REPORTER STATED JULY 15 THAT "KISSINGER THREATENED THAT U.S. WILL NOT GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UN BECAUSE IT HAS BECOME AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES."

4. BUDAPEST DAILY "MAGYAR HIRLAP" CARRIED AFP/AP STORY THAT "AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID IN SHARP TONED SPEECH...THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CUT OFF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN UNLESS IT ACTS TO THE LIKING OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, MAINLY THAT OF WASHINGTON. CLAIMING THAT THE UNITED STATES GIVES THE LARGEST FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UN, KISSINGER THREATENED TO REVOKE THE SUPPORT IF THE MAJORITY DID NOT RESPECT THE VIEWPOINT OF THE MINORITY." PARTY DAILY "NEPSZABADSAG" QUOTING MTI (HUNGARIAN NEWS AGENCY) AS SOURCE, CARRIED SOMEWHAT SOFTER VERSION STATING ONLY THAT "KISSINGER ATTACKED CONSTRUCTIVE MAJORITY COUNTRIES IN UN."

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPT SEND AP, REUTERS AND AFP COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH SO THAT WE CAN CHECK IT AGAINST HUNGARIAN VERSION. IF, AS WE STRONGLY SUSPECT, HUNGARIAN'S HAVE DELIBERATELY DISTORTED WIRE SERVICE STORIES, EMBASSY WILL PURSUE MATTER WITH MEDIA AND WITH HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

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